

TRAVELER OR TEAR-WAITER?
LAWRENCE, N. C., August 14, 1876.
Editor Dispatch: Dear Sir,—On opening your paper of the 11th inst. my eye was caught at once by the old, familiar name of Traveler or Tear-waiter.

Belief in witchcraft clings obstinately to the uneducated classes in England, and frequently cases arise in the courts which are remarkable developments of superstition. An article recently published in Chamber's Journal, from which a large number of instances of belief in witchcraft were cited from evidence taken in court. The following are some of the more remarkable cases:

At Stratford-on-Avon, in 1867, a whole family held firmly to the belief that they were haunted by beings of very exceptional character—sometimes a human creature carrying his head under his arm; sometimes a headless being that descended the chimney; sometimes a headless couple that tossed the bed and the inmates about and made havoc with the furniture. The father, a man of serious talk, could shake them in this belief; they declared themselves to be bewitched, and that relief could only be found by drawing blood from the person supposed to be the witch.

In the fashionable town of Lunenburg, a married woman, touched with jealousy, went in 1866 to a fortune-teller, a fortune-teller, an old man, replied in the affirmative, and undertook to bewitch the other woman by burning a certain chemical, and money was given to him to buy the chemical. The wife, on returning home, feeling uneasy, suspected that the man had bewitched her instead of the other woman. This absurd idea led to a charge being brought against the man for wrongfully bewitching, but the magistrates resolved to simply issue a case of obtaining money under false pretences, and punished him accordingly.

At Payhembury, in the county of Devon, an instance occurred in 1872 of total result consequent on witch-belief. A young married woman made acquaintance with a "white witch" during a visit to Taunton. After her return home she told her husband and friends that she had been "overlooked" by the witch, and that she was very much depressed, and ended her brief career by drowning herself. We are not told whether any good result followed the exhortations of the coroner to the jury to "do their best to disabuse the minds of their neighbors of this ignorant superstition."

More than one example, and our budget shall end. Its date is so recent as December, 1875. One day an aged woman at Long Compton, Warwickshire, was returning with bread from a baker's shop, when a man ran up to her and told her that she had been "overlooked" by the witch. The man had for years entertained the belief that fifteen or sixteen witches in Long Compton, whose names he gave, had bewitched him and interfered with his work. The superintendent of police, who was called in, found that the names of the witches were those of the accused persons in the case of the "white witch" during a visit to Taunton.

Rebecca of Ivanhoe.—WASHINGTON IRVING'S "REBECCA OF IVANHOE" (From the San Francisco Chronicle).—The Chronicle recently printed the following fragment from the personal hand: "Miss Grundy says that the original of Sir Walter Scott's Rebecca, the novel of 'Ivanhoe,' was a Philadelphia Jewess, whose picture Washington Irving showed to Scott on the 11th of June, 1819, and who took several parcels to their rooms. Tuesday night was hot, and they declared they would sleep on the roof. They passed up and down two or three times in the night, but about daylight descended, took their valises, and left the hotel in a carriage. The next morning the porter of Charles Scott & Co.'s dry goods store, at Nos. 304 and 306 Canal street, next to the hotel, found the goods strewn about in great confusion, and upon ascending to the second and third floors he discovered that the most valuable articles had been stolen by burglars, who had obtained access to the building through the roof. Investigation proved that the burglars were the two persons who had taken rooms at the Branderth House. They had carried away in their valises forty dozen silk gowns, and a quantity of other goods, and had taken them to the roof of the store. As their operations were on the upper floors, they were not heard by the police, who have made no arrests, and have not recovered any of the property.—New York Tribune.

LIVELY IN LONDON.—Mr. Jennings, the London correspondent of the New York World, follows up his interesting inquiry concerning the life of the late Mrs. Jennings and American hotels with an equally interesting discussion of the question as to the relative cost of housekeeping in London and New York. Without giving the details of Mr. Jennings's figuring, his conclusions may be summed up as follows: Taken altogether, a family of six or seven persons can live very comfortably in or near London for £10 (\$50) a week, not including rent. To live on a similar scale in New York would cost \$100 a week, or \$5,000 a year. In London—which is what is generally called a middle-class income—would go further than \$10,000 a year would in New York, when rent and all other expenses are taken into account. "Any family which has an income of \$4,000 a year can afford to live in a very good house and have a well-supplied table. There would not be enough for horses or carriage, or anything of that kind, but a summer's holiday might be taken out of the year, and a small number of doctors' bills and other incidental expenses. Mr. Jennings knows, however, of a large family which lives very well, and which is doing it on about \$3,500.

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